

Remarks

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004 relating to the above identified patent application. With this response, claims 1-86 are pending, and claims 1, 18, 37, 56 and 70 are amended.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,451,748 to Taylor et al (hereinafter, "Taylor"). Taylor is directed to compositions containing an antimicrobial agent.

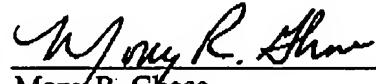
Independent claims 1, 18, 37, 56 and 70 are amended to recite a foam formulation including a surfactant ... "for enhancing attributes that enable ease of delivery through a foam dispenser". Support in the specification for the amendment to the claims can be found on page 2, lines 20-28.

Taylor does not disclose or envision a surfactant having specific characteristics for "enhancing attributes that enable ease of delivery through a foam dispenser". Accordingly, Applicants' suggest that claims 1, 18, 37, 56, 70, and all claims depending therefrom, are in a form for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

If prosecution of this application would be furthered by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned. Authorization to charge any required fees relating to this response to Deposit Account No. 02-1666 is hereby granted.

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